## **Health Care Service Corporation**

## **CARE VANS**

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For more than 30 years, Health Care Service Corporation's (HCSC) Care Van mobile health program has addressed significant health care needs through preventative services for underserved populations in urban and rural areas across Illinois, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Montana and Texas.

The Care Van program helps build healthy communities by providing basic health services, educational outreach and health literacy and education. In some instances, HCSC's partners, such as the Chicago Department of Public Health, administer vaccinations and other health screenings with the support of registered nurses and other licensed professionals.

The Care Van program brings public health services such as no cost immunizations, dental sealants and health literacy directly to the communities it serves. The vans visit schools, churches, parks, shopping centers, public housing, community events and other locations. They also conduct immunization outreach clinics in communities where at-risk families live and work.

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, HCSC expanded its efforts to support our members and communities. Recognizing the increased need for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, the Healthy Kids, Healthy Families (HKHF)\* initiative provided more than \$1.3 million to enhance local Care Van distribution and education efforts. In 2021, through HKHF, three vans were added to the Care Van fleet for a total of 28 vans.



## **PROGRAM IMPACT:**

58,000+ Clients served

**54,000**+ Immunizations

**40,000**+ Additiona services



"Getting people vaccinated helps reduce the disease burden, and this partnership is great because the accessibility of pharmacies helps allow people to get access to the vaccine. We really want to reach the community. Not everyone has access to health care, especially in New Mexico. We've reached a couple of people who walked in and said that they were homeless or that they just can't get into the doctor."

Melinda Chappell, pharmacist, Walgreens



